

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)


TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: May 9, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to
ownership of companies
holding stevedore permits at
the Port of Miami-Dade
County

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of
Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

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5-9-06

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY MANAGER RESEARCH AND PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 28A, CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, THAT WOULD INCREASE SECURITY SAFEGUARDS RELATED TO CHANGES IN OWNERSHIP OF COMPANIES HOLDING STEVEDORE PERMITS AT THE DANTE B. FASCELL PORT OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ("PORT")

WHEREAS, only an estimated five (5) percent of all cargo containers that pass through U.S. seaports are inspected; and

WHEREAS, U.S. seaports are regarded as one of the most vulnerable elements of homeland security; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 28A-6 of the Code, the County issues stevedore permits in part to ensure Port security to firms moving cargo or performing labor incidental to moving cargo at the Port; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Miami Terminal Operating Company (POMTOC) possesses stevedore permits and is an entity comprised of several companies that operate a large cargo terminal facility at the Port; and

WHEREAS, Dubai Ports World, a company based in the United Arab Emirates, recently attempted to purchase a company that controls a fifty (50) percent share of POMTOC; and

WHEREAS, this attempted purchase illustrates the importance of closely monitoring and overseeing firms that hold stevedore permits at the Port; and

WHEREAS, additional safeguards may be needed in the Code of Miami-Dade County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board requests that:

Section 1. The County Manager, in consultation with the County Attorney, research and propose amendments to Chapter 28A, Code of Miami-Dade County, that would increase security safeguards related to changes in ownership of companies holding stevedore permits at the Dante B. Fascell Port of Miami-Dade.

Section 2. The County Manager provide a report, including any proposed amendments to the Code of Miami-Dade County, to the Community Empowerment and Economic Revitalization Committee (CEERC) within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle and Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Audrey M. Edmonson	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 9th day of May, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Jess M. McCarty

